



BETH-EL CONGREGATION

MARCH 2010

Musings _____ Rabbi Ralph Mecklenburger



Harriet Tubman is one of the heroes of American history, an escaped slave who, in the years leading up to the Civil War, secretly returned to the South, first to rescue several other members of her family and, eventually, to rescue many slaves via the famous “underground railroad.” Later, she became a

cook and a nurse, and ultimately a spy, for the Union army.

Reflecting on her life after the war (when she went on to become a suffragette), she observed, “I freed a thousand slaves, but I could have freed a thousand more if they’d known they were slaves.” Some who could have escaped, in other words, refused to go. Part of that, no doubt, could be attributed to fear of being caught and punished. But Tubman’s point was that she knew slaves who insisted that they were happy where they were.

That echoes Jewish experience in the exodus from Egypt. As the Torah tells it, God led us out of Egypt, first preparing the way with plagues, then removing every obstacle with miracle upon miracle. Still, we kept complaining and rebelling. “Were there not enough graves in Egypt,” the slave generation asked Moses, “that you had to bring us out into this wilderness to die?!”

Slavery is an affront to human dignity, for each person is equally in God’s image. The problem is not only an ancient one. It is our problem today, as well. People remain in abusive relationships and in dead-end jobs that they hate. We rationalize that we are too old—or just too busy—to learn new skills or to strike off in new directions, becoming complicit in our own enslavement to deadening routine. The butterfly must struggle to escape the cocoon, but once it does, it can spread its wings and fly.

Worship Calendar _____

Friday, March 5 _____ 8:00 PM
FWFTY Youth Group Service
Creative prayers and guitar music as our teens host others from ‘round the Metroplex!

Friday, March 12 _____ Kabbalat Shabbat Early Services
Candles, Kiddush, and Snack at 5:45 PM
Concurrent Adult and Children’s Services at 6:00 PM
Cantor Sheri Allen will lead the Children’s Service

Friday, March 19 _____ Synaplex Shabbat
Optional Dinner (call to make reservations) at 6:30 PM
An array of Shabbat activities for all ages and tastes at 7:30 PM
See page 3 for details
The Beth-El Choir will sing for the Learners’ Service

Friday, March 26 _____ 8:00 PM
Shabbat Service
honoring Men of Reform Judaism
Student Cantor Leslie Niren will sing

Saturday, March 27 _____ 10:30 AM
Tot Shabbat
Service, singing, snack, and art—Shabbat at the level of our youngest congregants!

Monday, March 29 _____ First Night of Pesach
Home Seders

Tuesday, March 30 _____ 6:30 PM
Congregational Second-Night Seder
See flyer for details

Do not think your seder is just about the ancient past. We should each think about what is holding us back in life. God wants us, too, to be free to pursue our destiny.

Chag Samayach! Have a wonderful and meaningful Pesach!

President's Message

Dr. Barry Bzostek, President

I decided not to write about Passover or Spring Training, both of which begin in March and both of which have been written about extensively by people far more clever than I am. Searching for other topics, I found that, in addition to the standards like the Ides of March and St. Patrick's Day, there are many "days" in March that are truly strange, including "If Pets Had Thumbs Day" (March 3), "Panic Day" (March 9), and "Extraterrestrial Abduction Day" (March 20). There are also a lot of food-associated days. Of course, there is "Pi Day" (3.14, obviously) but there are also days for chips and dips, chocolate-covered raisins, pecans, waffles, and "something on a stick" (March 23-27, consecutively). I also found that the month starts off with National Pig Day and ends with National Clam on the Half Shell Day. Since this is an article for the Beth-El Bulletin, and since the topic has come up at the last couple of board meetings, I was inspired (to use the term loosely) to write about the kinds of foods that we have at the Temple.

We do not have a kosher kitchen, and there are no plans to change that. We do, however, have a policy that states that we do not serve things like pork or shellfish. Other details of kashrut are interpreted more liberally, so that a hamburger pizza is ok, but a pepperoni pizza is not. While we are all aware that this policy applies to food that is served from our kitchen, it also applies to all food that is brought into the building. Nobody has the inclination or the ability to serve as the Food Police, so adherence to the policy is a matter of individual choice. Please be mindful of this when you bring food to Beth-El. I love crawfish etoufee, but not at the Temple.

It's not just a matter of prosciutto vs. chopped liver or shrimp cocktail vs. gefilte fish. For contemporary Reform Jews, there are broader implications of the Jewish values that inform our eating decisions, including environmental sustainability, animal welfare, healthy eating, and labor concerns. The URJ website has a very nice section that provides a lot of thought-provoking information. The link is <http://urj/life/food>. For those of you who are reading this electronically (which we will be encouraging more strongly in the future), you can click onto the site directly from here. If there is interest in this topic, there are a number of new initiatives that we might take on.



Speaking of things electronic, if you haven't seen the congregational website lately, pay it a visit. There are some enhancements that make it significantly more enjoyable and informative. For example, Hollace Weiner's *Centennial Book* about the history of the congregation is available—under the "About Us" tab, click on "Archives" and then "History."

Back to eating (and it always seems to get back to eating), the next congregational culinary event will be the Second Night Seder, on Tuesday, March 30, at 6:30 PM. Please be sure to make a reservation so that we'll know how many matzoh balls to make.

Beth-El Planning Committee

We are all very proud of some of the innovative ideas that have been introduced into Beth-El's religious and secular programs. Many of us have visited other congregations around the country and around the world and have seen wonderful ideas brought to their members. The board and president have created an ad hoc committee to look at some of these ideas, as well as any ideas that you come up with on your own, and present

them to various committees for consideration. Jerry Weiner is coordinating this effort, and every member of Beth-El is on the committee. A meeting will be set up in the near future, and everyone submitting an idea will be invited. Please email your ideas or comments to jerry-weiner@yahoo.com. Everyone submitting an idea will be copied on all submissions and will be contacted about a meeting date.

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Synaplex

Friday, March 19, 2010

Come to Synaplex for the food • Come to Synaplex to pray • Come to Synaplex to dance
Come to Synaplex to learn • Come to Synaplex to be with your Beth-El family

This Synaplex has something wonderful for everyone!

- 6:30 PM:** Enjoy a great Taco Bar dinner with family and friends. (Beef and chicken tacos, black beans, and Mexican rice.) Free dinner prepared by the Men of Reform Judaism (**RSVP**).
- 7:30 PM:** Together, we will have Candle Blessings and Kiddush in the Gathering Area. Then the Shabbat programs begin!

✧ **“Learners’ Service:” The Structure of Jewish Worship**—A traditional service stressing how our new prayerbook guides us through the classic structure of the Jewish Service. Rabbi Mecklenburger will lead the service.

✧ **Israeli Dancing**—Put on your dancing shoes! Put on your dancing hat! Presented by our own Eli Holley.

✧ **“The Jewish Wars—Against Ancient Rome”**—A fascinating program led by Dr. Chet of North Texas University. We are very excited to have Dr. Chet come and speak.

✧ **Jewish Art Creative Program**—Something artsy and wonderful presented by Orna Amsellem.

✧ **Cooking for the Young Ones**—Conducted by the Young Chefs Academy of Fort Worth, this is a hands-on program for the young chefs in your house.



After the programs, complete the evening with a big Temple Family Oneg.

Dinner is **FREE!** (Donations to the MRJ are always welcome.)

Please RSVP for the dinner by Thursday, March 18, to the Temple office at 817-332-7141.

(You can, of course, come at 7:30, if you don't want dinner.)

Synaplex: A Smorgasbord of options to bring Shabbat alive!

Mitzvah Day

Sunday, April 25, 2010, 9:00 AM, in the Great Hall

Mitzvah Day is rapidly approaching, and while your participation is essential to its success, the organizations that we support are in critical need of various supplies. Please join us on **Sunday, April 25, 2010**, beginning at **9:00 AM**, in the Great Hall. We hope that you will consider donating some of the following items.

We are in need of non-perishable food (canned or boxed) for the Tarrant Area Food Bank. We also need travel-size bottles of shampoo, conditioner, lotion, toothpaste, and kleenex, as well as toothbrushes, soap, pens, pencils, notepad, and hairbrushes for Hospice. We need women's T-shirts

(large), sweatshirts, and sweatpants for the Women's Center. We need used shoes and clothing in good repair for Mission Metroplex. You can bring any of these items to the Temple on Mitzvah Day or we can pick them up ahead of time.

Plan to come for an enjoyable, fulfilling day of fun and Mitzvot. Of course, the Men's Club of Ahavath Sholom and Beth-El's MRJ will provide a complimentary breakfast and lunch.

The registration form will be in next month's bulletin; if you have any questions, please call Dan Halpern at 817-426-3239. Thank you, and Shalom.

Beth-Elements

Daytimers

Tour of the Winspear Opera House and the Wylie Theater

Date: Wednesday, March 17, 2010

Time: 12:00 PM

Location: Meet at the Intermodal Transportation Center at 9th and Jones, downtown Fort Worth

Price: \$10 per person, lunch and trip
\$5 per person, trip only



We will travel on the TRE to the AT&T Performing Arts Center to tour both the Winspear Opera House and the Wylie Theatre in Dallas. We will meet at noon at the Intermodal Transportation Center in downtown Fort Worth, which is at the corner of 9th and Jones Streets. We will ride the 12:15 PM train to Union Station and arrive at approximately 1:15 PM. We will then transfer to a Dart

bus. Lunch and bottled water will be delivered to the ITC, and we will enjoy our lunches at the tables on the train. There is a four-block walk to the AT&T Performing Arts Center.

The ninety-minute tour will include both the Winspear Opera House and the Wylie Theatre. We will return on either the 3:50 PM or 4:35 PM train, depending on what time we finish the tour.

Lunch, which will be catered by Jason's Deli, includes a pickle, chips, a cookie, bottled water, and one of the following: turkey on whole wheat, tuna salad on rye, or chicken salad on whole wheat. For reservations, call with your credit card to Barbara Rubin (817-927-2736) or Sylvia Wexler (817-294-1129). **Please include your zip code and security code with your credit card number.** You may also mail checks to Beth-El Congregation, 4900 Briarhaven Road, Fort Worth, TX 76109. The Sylvia Wolens Daytimers is a program of Beth-El Congregation, with support from the Jewish Federation.

Also in March

Tuesday, March 16, 2010, 1:30 PM. Daytimers Bridge at Beth-El. To make reservations, call Al Wexler at 817-294-1129.

Tuesday, March 23, 2010, 11:30 AM. B'nai B'rith Senior Seder at Beth-El. Make reservations by calling Jewish Family Services at 817-569-0898.

Upcoming Daytimers Events

Wednesday, April 14, 2010. Speaker Dr. Jim Riddlesperger will present "Texas elections 2010: Continued Republican Dominance or Democratic resurgence?"

Wednesday, May 12, 2010. Historian Bruce Cohen returns to present "European Jews in the Middle Ages."

Mitzvah Brigade

Thanks to Julie Diamond, Kelly Webb, and Michelle Hartman for helping Ilana Knust to prepare the Religious School classrooms. We try to help Ilana on these types of projects to ease her work load. If you would like to help out in the Religious School on a monthly basis, please contact Corrine Jacobson at 817-294-7844.

Daughters of Abraham

In February, we had an outstanding explanation of Ash Wednesday at Holy Family Catholic Church in February. Great seasonal food was served and twenty-two women attended the meeting.

On March 15, Genie Long and other group members from Beth-El will show our Christian and Muslim sisters the importance of the Seder. We will explain the symbol plate and have a small meal.

If you are interested in attending a meeting, please call Corrine Jacobson at 817-294-7844. The meetings are on the third Tuesday of the month, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. We encourage you to come!

New Books for the Temple Library

Jackie and Barry Bzostek brought books back from the Union for Reform Judaism biennial convention! Going directly to the library's collection are an autographed copy of Anita Diamant's new novel, *Day after Night: A Novel*, and *Entree to Judaism: A Culinary Exploration of the Jewish Diaspora*, a beautifully illustrated cookbook with more recipes and their historical contexts. In addition to several books on Temple programming and musical repertoire, there are guides for Jewish living (in paperback—the WRJ Judaica shop will probably have them soon, too)—*Sacred Parenting: Jewish Wisdom for Your Family's First Years* and *Mingled Roots: a Guide for Jewish Grandparents of Interfaith Children*. Thanks to the Bzosteks!

Also new to the library (donated by Rabbi Mecklenburger) is Elie Wiesel's brief biography of the famous biblical commentator *Rashi*.

Save the Date

- The Annual Beth-El FUNd-Raiser will be on Saturday, May 1, 2010. It will be an evening of dinner and dancing! More details will be in next month's bulletin.
- On Friday, April 16, 2010, we will have a special Shabbat honoring past presidents, MRJ and WRJ leaders, and graduates of our 2009-2010 Leadership Program.

Religious School News

Ilana Knust, Director of Education

Where in the World is God?

We often ignore our students' own religious experiences. The time that is spent on religious thought usually focuses on beliefs and mitzvot, not on the students' experiences of God. Children and adults tend to be afraid or suspicious of religious experience.



And yet, who can deny that our tradition was founded upon religious experience? From the Patriarchs through Moses, from the prophets through the rabbis, religious experience has been central to Jewish existence. Judaism as a religion does not exist without God at its center.



In order to transmit our traditions and values, we must first educate our students as to

Brotherhood Update

Adam Siegel, President

The MRJ is pleased to announce the creation of the MRJ Annual Scholarship Fund. The MRJ Scholarship will be awarded annually at the Mickey Goldman dinner. The scholarship award is based upon academic achievement, community involvement, leadership, and Beth-El involvement. It is for college-bound high-school graduates who are members of the congregation. Applications will be available online at the Temple's website and in the Temple office. Completed applications should be sent to the temple, attention MRJ. Applications are due on November 30, 2010, and the winner will be notified by January 31, 2011. This year's scholarship will be \$3,000. Good luck to all candidates.

Upcoming Religious School Events

- * **Friday - Sunday, March 5-7**—Family Retreat at Greene Family Camp.
- * **Friday - Saturday, March 12-13**—6th and 7th Grade retreat at Greene Family Camp.
- * **Sunday, March 14 - Sunday, March 21**—Spring Break; no Religious or Hebrew School.
- * **Sunday, March 28**—Passover Seder for all grades.
- * **Wednesday, March 31**—Passover; No Hebrew School.

the nature and validity of religious experience—ONE GOD. This year at the Religious School, we are trying to help students bring to the surface their own experiences and connections to God by placing their questions about God and religious thoughts within a Jewish framework.



These pictures were taken at our Tu-Bishvat celebration, at which students tried to find God in nature—each student in his or her own way.

Lifetime Learning News

Louis D. Schultz, Chairman

There are many exciting programs planned for this year. Mark your calendars for the following:

Judaism 103

Sundays, 9:30 - 10:30 AM

March 7: Guest Speaker Batya Brand will speak on "The Prophet Elijah and Passover"

March 28: "4 Sons, 4 Questions, 4 Cups: What's Going On Here?"

92nd Street Y

Thursday, April 15, 2010, 7:00 PM:

"A World in Crisis: What are Our Moral Obligations?" with Elie Wiesel

Be sure to check for current updates to Lifetime Learning at the Beth-El website (www.bethelfw.org) by clicking on "Lifetime Learning" under "Education."

The Judaica Shop

March Hours

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays: 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Sundays: 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM (Closed Sunday, March 14 & 21)

TAX-FREE DAY: SUNDAY, MARCH 7

There will be NO SALES TAX charged on ANY purchase. Save on all your Passover, personal, and gift buying!

The FWFTY board has been extremely busy finishing up the plan for our DFW Metroplex Lock-in, which is scheduled for March 5-6. We had a party during February, and it was a blast. FWFTY also babysat fellow congregants' children during the adult Purim dinner. We had a blast with the kids, played fun games, and ate great food.

During January, we held our annual Talent Show and raised over \$1,000. THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED MAKE IT A BIG SUCCESS! We had a Disney theme, and most of our acts performed something Disney-related. Thanks so much for sharing your talents with us. We had a great dinner that was cooked by our Temple Brotherhood. Our service that night was also one of the best that we have ever had. The decorations were amazing, and we had GREAT prizes that were raffled off! Congratulations to all who won the prizes and thanks once again Beth-El for making this year's Talent Show one of the best that FWFTY has ever had!

During March, FWFTY will host the DFW Metroplex lock-in on March 5-6. This event WILL be the best Metroplex lock-in that DFW has seen in a long time. All students in 8th grade and up are welcome to come and have a blast with Jewish kids from around the Metroplex. On March 12-13, FWFTY seniors and anyone in FWFTY who is already running for the NFTY-TOR board are invited to the Junior Youth Group Retreat. On March 27, FWFTY will have a progressive dinner. More information on these events is forthcoming.



Beth-El's 2010 Talent Show, presented by FWFTY

Thanks to all of our raffle prize donors:

Greene Family Camp
 FC Dallas Soccer Team
 Metro PCS
 Massage Express
 Marty & Marilyn Englander
 Kurt & Ilana Knust
 Cory & Michelle Hartman
 Jackie Brow
 Ken & Rhonda Goodman

Thanks for making Mickey Mouse Challah:

Jude Sloter and Cindy Simon

Congratulations to our costume prize winners!

Eliza & Jake Balmuth

Congratulations to our raffle winners!

Marcy Paul	Jim Lee
Christy Rousch	Michelle Hartman
Jeff Kaitcer	Judy Lee
Emily Englander	Marc Sloter
Karen Johnson	Audrey Sloter



Women of Reform Judaism _____ Loretta Causey, President

.....and the Ladies were Rejuvenated!

The Rejuvenation 2010 Donor Brunch, benefitting our Religious School and other WRJ causes, truly was rejuvenation for the attendees as well as for the team of ladies who contributed their time and talent to the creation of the event.

Chairperson and leader Julie Goldstein was exemplary in coordinating both the Rejuvenation theme and the auction. The results were outstanding in meeting our fundraising goals as well as providing an enjoyable event for the participants.

We are most thankful to the ladies who volunteered to complete necessary actions for success:

Check-In Team

Karen Telschow Johnson and Diane Kleinman

Decorations

Linda Hochster and Margie Zentner

Invitation Coordinators

Faye Slater, Lisa Kuperman, and Laurie Barker James

Auction Volunteers

Faye Slater, Suzie Siegel, Kristen Oderberg, Laurie Barker James, and Linda Hochster

Event Coordinators

Suzie Siegel, Leslie Magee, Barbara Rosenthal, Debbie Silva, Sherry Simon, Margie Zentner, and Linda Hochster

Style Show Models

Marcia Kurtz, Laurie Kelfer, Trudie Oshman, Cindy Simon, and Fredi Stryer

We are also most appreciative to all WRJ members who garnered auction items. Thanks for your time and effort.

Membership Appreciation Brunch

Join us on Sunday morning, April 4, for our Membership Appreciation Brunch and Annual Election of Officers. Our programming chairs, Linda Hochster and Mileyna Razack, are busy planning a refreshing and informative brunch for all WRJ members. (It is not too late to join—contact Fredi Stryer at 817-269-7892.) The brunch will feature guest speaker Dian Brewer, owner of Blooms Forever Events. She creates the beautiful bimah arrangements for our Shabbat services and specializes in décor for special life events. We will enjoy learning secrets of floral arranging for our home and events.

What is Bunko?

It's a social event! It's a get-together! It's an easy-to-learn, mindless dice game that requires no special skills! Join us for WRJ's next Bunko night. Snacks and beverages are provided. Let the good times "roll!"



Date: Thursday, March 25, 2010

Time: 7:30 PM

Location: Beth-El's Great Hall

Cost: \$5 for WRJ members, \$7 for non-members.

RSVP: Linda Hochster at 817-294-7738 or lublhb@aol.com

Save the Date

WRJ Game Nights:

Thursday, April 22—Mah Jongg

Thursday, May 13—Bunko

The Temple Family

Members on the Move _____

- Fanny Brooks, 4909 Woodbend Ct., Fort Worth, 76132, 817-253-7061, fkbrooks6@yahoo.com
- Vanessa and Justin Reynolds, 108 Hillcrest Dr., Burleson, TX 76028
- Holly and Bill Schur, 912 N. Bailey Ave., Fort Worth, 76107, 817-625-2452
- Frances Weltman, 4242 Bryant Irvin Rd., Fort Worth, 76109, 817-732-1515

Welcome New Members _____

- Dr. Martin Weiss and Jinju Nahidi, 2600 W. 7th St., Apt. 2824, Fort Worth, 76107, 817-810-0011

Mazel Tov _____

- to Rabbi Mecklenburger, who has been asked to serve on a newly formed Board of Visitors at Brite Divinity School here in Fort Worth,—the board will advise Brite President Newell Williams.
- to Gail Granek and Harold Granek, on the birth of their granddaughter, Naomi Eliana Granek Brown. Proud parents are Elise Granek and Mark Brown.
- to Jacque and Gary Steinberger, new grandparents of Hannah Megan Hechinger, in Maryland. Proud parents are Misty and Scott Hechinger.

Our Sincere Condolences _____

- to Sherry and Howard Mann, and all the family, on the death of his father, Arnold "Shelly" Mann.
- to Phyllis and Sheldon Levy, and all the family, on the death of his father, Gilbert Levy.
- to Amy Stien, and all the family, on the death of her husband, Bob Stien.

Contributions

Rosenthal-Siegel Education Endowment Fund

In Memory of _____ **From** _____
 Isaac Lifchez Evelyn and Martin Siegel
 David Eisenman Hortense Deifik
 Bob Stien Sari Bahl and Irwin Krauss

Floral Fund

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 our Hebrew name changes Jo and Constance Siegel

Floral Fund

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 Judie W. Greenman, on her birthday Roz Rosenthal

Prayerbook Fund

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 Hortense Deifik

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

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Religious School Fund

In Honor of _____ **From** _____
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 the birth of Ezra Ohayon Margie Zentner
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 a speedy recovery for Butch Lusky
 Judie W. Greenman, on her birthday

Religious School Fund

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Religious School Fund

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Temple Fund

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 Sandy and Ira Hollander
 Madlyn and Lou Bernett
 a speedy recovery for Dan Oshman
 Kyron and Mark Schuster, on their marriage
 a speedy recovery for Butch Lusky
 Kim Factor, on her Mickey Goldman Award
 Lauren Gilbert, on her engagement
 Stan Kurtz and Dixon Bourne, on their B'nai Mitzvah
 Karen Anisman, on her Great Women of Texas Award

Temple Fund

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Roz and Harvey Micklin
Kenneth Bobkoff

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Erma Slain

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David Gross, Jr.
Roslyn Gross
Bob Stien
Faye Sarfatti
Bob Stien

Rosanne and Billy Rosenthal

Laurie and Harold Kelfer
Judie W. and Dick Greenman

Tree Fund

In Honor of

a speedy recovery for Dr. Jill Claridge

From

Judy and Burton Schwartz

Tree Fund

In Memory of

Pete Barshak
Bob Stien

From

Edie and Richard Yentis
Roz and Harvey Micklin

Youth Fund

In Honor of

Lauren Gilbert

From

Margie Zentner

Endowment #2 Fund

In Honor of

Len and Rose-Marie Schweitzer, on their anniversary

From

Beverly and Michael Ross

Yahrzeits

March 5

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Claire Benno
Dr. Isadore Berk
Stena Bloomberg
Usha Chatterjee
Max Cohn
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Joe Herman
Gussie Katzenstein
Mary Potishman Lard
Addie Levy
Moses Loeb
Pauline S. Mack
Elsie Maier
Harold Mayster
Milton J. Mehl
Sidney Nass
Henry S. Nurenborg
Joseph Oderberg
Louis Pozez
Diane Pratt
Harry Julius Rosenstein
Leo Roth
Arnold Rubin
Joseph Sadow
Fannette Shaw
Dotty Siegel

Ben Silverman

Hattie Weltman Simon
Phil A. Smith
Blake Knolden Sturman
Rose Rubinson Sussfeld
Edward Tann
Dorothy Marie Taub
Solomon Taylor
Janet Marks Teter
Rose Urbach
Max Weiner
Michael M. Winesanker

March 12

Bernard T. Baum
Max Bloomberg
David Brown
Dr. Burnhardt
Helen Bzostek
Willa Christie
Helen Collier
David Dorfman
Cecile Weinshenker Echt
Samuel I. Fenton
Monya Rothschild
Friedberg
Adeline Friedman
Charlotte Goldman
Merall Meyer Goldman
Louis Horvich
Otto Kuehn
Herman Mann
Herman Marx
David Ross
Genevieve Sankary
Rose Schloss
Jean Schneiweiss
Mano Schoenbrun

Frank Schweider

Samuella Frelich Simon
Henry E. Sloter
Maurice Solomon
David L. Toby
Pearl Joseph Walen
Bertha Weinbaum
Joseph Weisberg

March 19

Leon Berenson
Ronni W. Bermont
Cecilia Bressert
Doris Bronstein
Kevin Capper
Florie Epstein
Sol R. Gale
Robert Goldblum
Celia Goldstucker
Selma Greenberg
Marilyn Hoffman
Philip Jacobson
Marina Jaramillo-Jalevi
Norma Dee Klar
Marvin Adrian Labovitz
Marjorie LaMere
Leona Meisel
Arthur Mitchell
Nathan Rubin
Emanuel A. Siegel
Jay Silverberg
Betty Mae Stien
Julia Stubbs
Harry Teter
M. Rose Townes
Shirley Wasserman
Stan Yorshis

March 26

Joe Bronstein
Moses J. Chicotsky
Joseph Cohen
Louis Cohn
Louis Evans
Bernard Fleck
Pauline Schlinger Frankel
Marcus Friedman
Shep Friedman
Carolyn Gilbert
Marion Goodman
Alan B. Gropper
Dorothy Hertzman
Jason N. Hiney
Bertram Jacobs
Ian Matthew Kaitcer
Louise Karotkin
Leonard Karotkin
Mark Kleiman
Howard Koven
William Lentin
Harry Maizlish
Helen Gilden Murad
Florence Ogle
Max Prostok
Burt Robins
Mona Roddy
Rose Rosenthal
Samuel N. Rosenthal
Joseph Rubenstein
Alvin Rubin
Louis L. Sandler
Selma Schwarz
Flora Schwarz Seigel
Leo Selig
Galit Tadmor
Tilly L. Tuchin

Take Note

As part of my Bat Mitzvah project, I have chosen to work with the Samaritan House located here in Fort Worth. The mission of Samaritan House is to create a supportive community that provides housing and resources for positive change in the lives of people living with HIV/AIDS. Samaritan House literally rescues people from the streets and provides them with many services—most importantly, safe housing, which is the first step in the restoration of their lives. Most of these people arrive at Samaritan house with only the clothes on their backs.

I ask the congregants of Beth-El to help me collect for Samaritan House. During the month of March, I'll have collection boxes at both the front and back entrances of the Temple. Please ensure that the following donated items are new. *Bed Linens*: twin, full, queen, king pillows, pillow cases, blankets, comforters. *Towels*: bath, hand, wash clothes. Socks, underwear, and toiletries for both men and women. African-American haircare products.

The following items can be gently used: clocks, radios, TVs, phones, lamps, end tables, any type of furniture, and gardening supplies.

If you need us to pick up any items, please call my mom at 817-346-8980. If you would like to learn more about the Samaritan House, please visit its web site at www.samaritanhouse.org.

Thanks so much! ~Mallory Kleinman